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FOR WORTZEL FROM SCHMIDT

E.O. 11652:GDS

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SUBJECT:OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. YOU WILL HAVE RECEIVED BY NOW THE PRESIDENTIAL "LETTER" WHICH IS NO LONGER A LETTER. DO THE BEST YOU CAN WITH IT. WE REALIZE THE PROBLEM, AND SYMPATHIZE. BY WAY OF BACKGROUND, WE WROTE IT UP AS A LETTER AND SENT IT TO NSC OVER A WEEK AGO. THEY REVISED SOME OF THE LANGUAGE SLIGHTLY AND BY THE TIME THAT WAS DONE IT WAS TOO LATE TO HAVE THE PRESIDENT SIGN IT (HE LEFT TOWN LAST FRIDAY). VEST TALKED WITH DR. B. DIRECTLY REITERATING THE ESSENTIAL POINTS WE HAD MADE AT LOWER LEVEL IN FAVOR OF A LETTER OVER AN ORAL BRIEFING. BUT DR. B. SAID THAT HE COULD NOT AUTHORIZE A FIRST PERSON MESSAGE WITHOUT THE PRESIDENT'S DIRECT APPROVAL. SO THAT WAS THAT. WE ALSO ASKED WHETHER IT WOULD NOT BE BETTER UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES TO WAIT UNTIL THE PRESIDENT RETURNED, BUT NSC FELT IT WAS BETTER  
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TO GO AHEAD WITH THIS MESSAGE AND LOOK FOR ANOTHER EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO SEND A FIRST PERSON LETTER. OUR THOUGHT NOW IS TO TRY AGAIN AFTER THE CAMP DAVID SUMMIT.

2. ON THE PUERTO RICO DEMARCHE, YOUR POINTS ARE WELL TAKEN AND WE AGREE THAT YUGOSLAVIA IS UNLIKELY TO CHANGE ITS VOTE. HOWEVER, THIS WAS A PERSONAL PLUG FROM

ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES WHO IS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE C-24 VOTE AND FELT THAT IN VIEW OF OUR IMPROVED RELATIONS WE MIGHT NUDGE THE YUGOSLAVS TOWARD SUPPORT FOR OUR POSITION.

3. AFTER WEEKS OF DELAY WE FINALLY GOT TO NSC A MEMO RECOMMENDING THAT THE PRESIDENTIAL DECISION ON ARMS TRANSFERS OF LAST SEPTEMBER BE AMENDED TO PERMIT FMS CREDITS. THIS PROPOSAL IS ALSO INCLUDED IN THE DEPARTMENT'S FY 80 SECURITY ASSISTANCE PACKAGE. THE YUGOSLAV PART, WHICH WAS REVISED SLIGHTLY AT OMB REQUEST, HAS NOW CLEARED THE PRELIMINARY REVIEW AND WE ARE SENDING YOU THE TEXT. ON THE NSC MEMO, WE WILL LET YOU KNOW WHEN NSC HAS ACTED.

4. WE HAVE RECENTLY DONE A MEMO TO VEST ON THE KARDELJ CONTINGENCY. WE'LL SEND YOU THE TEXT, INCLUDING THE DRAFT CONDOLENCE MESSAGES. ON THE OTHER BIG CONTINGENCY, WE ARE GOING OVER THE MOST RECENT FULL STUDY TO UPDATE THE PEOPLE AND THE MESSAGES. WE WILL THEN WANT TO LOOK AT THE REST OF THE MATERIAL IN THE STUDY AND WILL BE SEEKING YOUR VIEWS. ONE QUESTION OF SOME IMPORTANCE IS WHETHER IT WOULD STILL BE APPROPRIATE TO SEND A HIGH-LEVEL MESSAGE TO THE WIDOW. WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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5. ON THE SEDMAK CASE, DARRYL IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE EVIDENT MISINTERPRETATION OF HIS REMARKS TO SEDMAK'S DAUGHTER SEVERAL MONTHS AGO. CLEARLY WE NEVER PROMISED TO RAISE HIS CASE DIRECTLY WITH TITO BUT HAVE SAID THAT WE WOULD RELAY THE FAMILY'S CONCERN AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL. WE HAVE MENTIONED IT TO ANDONOV HERE WITHOUT EVIDENT RESULT. THE PRIMARY FAMILY CONTACT HAS BEEN SEDMAK'S SISTER MRS. HUNT WHO PREFERS THAT WE NOT CALL HIS DAUGHTER SINCE SHE "TENDS TO GET EMOTIONAL" AND DOES NOT PAY CLOSE ATTENTION. MRS. HUNT CALLED AGAIN YESTERDAY TO ASK ABOUT THE FATE OF THE APPEAL SHE AND OTHERS SUBMITTED EARLIER THIS YEAR.

6. ON THE MIHAILOVIC MONUMENT, WE HAVE NOT SUCCEEDED IN GETTING A NEW READING ON PROSPECTIVE HEARINGS OR OTHER POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENTS. AT THE CONGRESSIONAL DINNER FOR MARKOVIC DARRYL SPOKE WITH BRADEMAS BRIEFLY AND WITH DANIELSON AT LENGTH. BOTH PROMISED TO BE HELPFUL. EARLIER THE NEDZE SUB-COMMITTEE STAFF WAS VERY GUARDED ABOUT POSSIBLE HEARINGS BUT FELT THAT THE NUMBER OF CO-SPONSORS MEANT THAT NEDZE MIGHT FIND IT NECESSARY TO HOLD HEARINGS. WE'LL TRY TO GET YOU A FIRMER READ-OUT WHEN THE HOUSE

RETURNS AFTER LABOR DAY. WE THINK YOU CAN HOLD THE  
AMBASSADOR'S LETTERS UNTIL THEN.

7. THE MESSAGE CENTER HAS BEEN IN A REAL CRISIS LATELY.  
IMMEDIATES GET PROCESSED QUICKLY BUT EVERYTHING ELSE  
BACKS UP. THEY HAVE DONE A GOOD JOB UNDER THE  
CIRCUMSTANCES, BUT YOU MIGHT KEEP THIS IN MIND IF YOU  
HAVE RELATIVELY URGENT ITEMS. CHRISTOPHER

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